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JCS RECOMMENDATIONS RE POST-CUBA ACTIONS

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 - Points to be considered in current negotiations
 - Measures to sustain U.S. initiative and deterrent posture
 - UN inspection of Soviet offensive weapons withdrawal
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 - U.S. refusal to enter any agreement restricting right of Cuban people wherever they may be to determine for themselves Cuba's political future.
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- Soviet missile buildup evidence of failure of U.S. deterrence
 - . in disregard of U.S. warnings
 - . Soviets miscalculated U.S. resolve
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Questions of the following type are being posed within the Joint Staff:

- What measures in this plan will prevent, or even restrict the normal and expected Communist tactic of systematic delay in carrying out substantive measures of inspection?
- What assurance will the U.S. have as to the technical competence of the inspectors to be used? Is not some statement regarding U.S. satisfaction regarding the technical competence of the inspection personnel a requirement?
- Are we talking of inspecting ship cargoes only, or will we have provisions to inspect Air Cargoes?
- Is the inspection scheme based on the principle that there must be 100% assurance that no nuclear delivery capability remains in Cuba?
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- Can inspectors distinguish between offensive weapon components and other non-offensive weapon components (missiles, jet fighter engines, etc.)?

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inspection force verify by physical check?